

SPECIES REPORT

This report covers the three countries Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Records are included under one or more categories, indicated by code letters as follows:

- S(A): SCARCE species in category A (five or fewer previous records from East Africa); all records of such species are published.
- S(B): SCARCE species in category B (six to 25 previous records from East Africa); all records of such species are published.
- R: Species of interest whose status in East Africa requires clarification, and for which ALL records are REQUESTED. Records may be listed or summarized in full each year, or reviewed after several years.
- E: Records showing an EXTENSION of range, or from areas where the species is decidedly uncommon to scarce.
- N: Records included for their NUMERICAL interest, either of particularly large numbers or of careful counts.
- D: Records of migrants where DATES are of interest.
- B: Records of BREEDING interest, from new or unusual areas or involving interesting numerical elements.
- M: Records of MISCELLANEOUS interest.

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AFROTROPICAL AND OCEANIC SPECIES

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes

Podiceps nigricollis Black-necked Grebe R: 30+ L. Bogoria, 1 May; 2 L. Nakuru, 11-12 Aug; 20 L. Naivasha, 21 Aug; 3 L. Nakuru, 26 Dec (DAT, DEW, JM). In Tanzania: 8 Arusha NP, 25 Oct (AJB) and a few L. Masek (Serengeti), 27 Oct (DAT).

Tachybaptus ruficollis Little Grebe M: Several at Magadi, 20 Feb (DKR) on newly formed soda pool after a few days of rain; unusual in this environment. Also 1 netted at night, hot springs at southern end of L. Magadi, 14 May (DJP et al.).

DIOMEDEIDAE: Albatrosses

Diomedea melanophris Black-browed Albatross S(A): immatures in Pemba Channel off Shimoni, 12 Sep and 10 Oct (PH, MH). Details recorded exclude all other possibilities except immature Grey-headed Albatross *D. chrysostoma* which, however, rarely occurs north of 35S.

PROCELLARIIDAE: Petrels, shearwaters

Puffinila vittata Broad-billed Prion S(A): 1 off Ras Ngomeni, 10 Sep (MACC, DJP).

The third record of a prion off the East African coast but the first to have been identified to species - see Scopus 8: 43-44.

Puffinus lherminieri Audubon's Shearwater S(B): 100+ off Ras Ngomeni, 18 Jun (MACC, DJP), and a few off Watamu, 29-30 Dec (DAT).

Puffinus pacificus Wedge-tailed Shearwater S(A): 2 Ras Ngomeni, 23 Apr (MACC,

DJP) and 1 off Watamu, 30 Dec (DAT).

The first definite records for East Africa - see Scopus 8: 24.

Puffinus sp. a shearwater off Shimoni, 15 Sep was thought to have been a Wedge-tailed *P. pacificus* (PH, MH).

HYDROBATIDAE: Storm Petrels

Oceanites oceanicus Wilson's Storm Petrel S(B): 1 off Watamu, 26 Dec (DAT).

PHAETHONTIDAE: Tropicbirds

Phaethon lepturus White-tailed Tropicbird S(B): single adults off Shimoni, 6 and 14 Sep (PH, MH) and at Malindi, 11 Nov (MP).

SULIDAE: Boobies

Sula dactylatra Masked Booby R: several hundreds, including immatures, at Latham Is, off Dar es Salaam, 16 Dec (NEB).

ANHINGIDAE: Darters

Anhinga rufa Darter B: many nests at Garsen, 12 Jan and 19 Jun (MACC, DJP).

FREGATIDAE: Frigatebirds

Fregata sp. an immature off Ras Ngomeni, 23 Apr (MACC, DJP).

ARDEIDAE: Herons, bitterns, egrets

Ixobrychus minutus payesii Little Bittern R: ones and twos of the African race recorded in Kenya at Athi River (4 May), L. Baringo (May - early Oct), Ngomeni (Sep) and near Siaport, Busia District (Sep) (MACC, JHF, MK, TS, DEW). In Tanzania singles recorded at Mbarali Rice Scheme, Bahi and Dodoma during Mar (JSSB).

Ixobrychus sturmi Dwarf Bittern R: in Tanzania singles at Seronera River, 22 Feb (PCL) and Mbarali Rice Scheme, 15 Dec (EMB).

In Uganda singles on the Bokora Plain (Lango), 18 Jun, near Kitgum, 25 Jun and at Kibimba, 21 Jul (JSA).

Ardea purpurea Purple Heron B: 750+ nests, Garsen, 12 Jan (MACC, DJP).

50+ at Kapiri, Teso, Uganda on 11 Nov was an unusual concentration, possibly indicating breeding in the area (JSA).

Ardeola idae Madagascar Squacco Heron R: singles Nairobi NP, 17 Jul and 4 Sep, and at Athi River, 24 Sep, up to 4 Thika OPs, 26 May - 16 Oct, 2 Limuru, 25 Sep, 2 Lake Nakuru during Aug; in Tanzania, 2 at Dar es Salaam, 3 Jul (NEB, PCF, DJP, MES, DAT, DEW).

Ardeola ralloides Squacco Heron B: 450+ nests, Garsen, 12 Jan and 100+ there, 19 Jun (MACC, DJP).

Ardeola rufiventris Rufous-bellied Heron R: 3-6 on a small lake near Siaport (Busia), 25 May (FRL, GKR) and 1 there, 21 Sep (JHF, MK). 1 near Thika, 3 Jul (FRL, PBT) and 1 in the northwestern corner of Mara GR, 19 Aug (DEW). In Uganda, 1 near Nakasongola, 13 Oct and 1 near Kinoni (Ankole), 14 Dec (JSA). In Tanzania, 1 Upper Ruw Valley, 14 Jul and 2 Bagamoyo, 23 Jul are the first recent records from the coast region. Further south notable concentrations were 80+ Mbarali Rice Scheme and 50+ Usangu Flats, both on 12 Mar (JSSB).

Bubulcus ibis Cattle Egret B: 1400+ nests, Garsen, 19 Jun (MACC, DJP).

Egretta alba Great White Egret B: 200+ nests, Garsen, 12 Jan (MACC, DJP).

Egretta ardesiaca Black Heron R, B: resident at Gazi with max. of 30 on 9 Apr (MACC), singles Amboseli, 7 May, Lake Nakuru, 19 Mar, and Lake Naivasha, 21 Aug (JHF, DKR, DEW). A few nesting at Garsen, 12 Jan and 19 Jun (MACC, DJP).

In Tanzania, up to 100 on the Usangu Flats, Feb-Mar, and several at Dodoma, 18 Mar (JSSB).

Egretta gularis African Reef Heron R: dark phase at Ngomeni, 23 Apr (MACC, DJP), and pale birds at Lake Nakuru, Jan-Mar and Nov (DKR, DAT), Lake Baringo 13-15 Jan (TS) and Mida Creek, where there were two on 26 Nov (MACC, DJP).

Egretta intermedia Yellow-billed Egret B: 1500+ nests, Garsen, 12 Jan and 400+ there on 19 Jun (MACC, DJP).

CICONIIDAE: Storks

Anastomus lamelligerus Open-billed Stork B: 200+ nests, Garsen, 12 Jan and a few 19 Jun (MACC, DJP). E: 1 Nairobi NP, 13 Mar was unusual there (DKR).

Ciconia abdimii Abdim's Stork D, N: recorded in Kenya to 27 Apr and from 5 Nov. Largest flocks in Uganda were 750 at Kibimba, 20 Feb and 100 Entebbe, 5 Mar followed by 5000+ near Soroti, 11 Nov, 1600 Serere (Teso) on 17 Nov and hundred in the Entebbe area, late Nov (JSA). In Kenya the largest concentration was 900 at Amboseli on 27 Feb (MEJG).
As a passage migrant this species is regular in large flocks in Uganda during Nov and late Feb to early Mar.

Ciconia episcopus Woolly-necked Stork E: in inland Kenya up to 7 in Nairobi NP Mar to Apr and Jun to Oct, 4 Samburu GR, 24 Jun and 6 Mara GR, 27 Dec (DKR, DEW). In Uganda, scattered records from Kidepo, Kabalega Falls NP, Entebbe, Kibimba, Ankole and Masaka (JSA).

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibises, spoonbills

Plegadis falcinellus Glossy Ibis B: 50+ nests, Garsen, 12 Jan (MACC, DJP).

Threskiornis aethiopica Sacred Ibis B: several nests in borassus palms, Butiaba, Uganda, 12 Oct (JSA).

Platalea alba African Spoonbill B: 100+ nests, Garsen, 12 Jan (MACC, DJP).

PHOENICOPTERIDAE: Flamingos

Phoeniconaias minor Lesser Flamingo E: single immature at Mufindi, southern Tanzania, 9 Nov (EMB).

ANATIDAE: Ducks, geese

Dendrocygna bicolor Fulvous Whistling Duck N: 2500 Tana Bridge, 5 Feb and 1250 there on 3 Aug (DJP, DEW). 1500 Ahero Rice Scheme, 11 Feb (DJP).

Dendrocygna viduata White-faced Whistling Duck N: 2500 Tana Bridge, 3 Aug and 2000 there on 6 Oct (DJP, AEB, DEW).

Anas sparsa African Black Duck E: 2 wanderers on the Tiva River, Tsavo East NP in mid Jun (JSSB).

Netta erythrophthalma Southern Pochard N: 2000+ on a pool at the south end of Lake Nakuru, 8 Oct (DJP). 260+ Lake Ngwazi, Mufindi area, southern Tanzania on 9 Dec (NEB).

Nettapus auritus African Pygmy Goose R: 12 on Ngogoni Dam, Gazi, 19 Mar (MACC), 2 on a roadside pool beside the Mombasa - Kilifi road, 7 Jul and 2 at Malindi Golf Course pools, 10 Jul (MK, GKR et al.). 1 adult with 3 immatures Lake Baringo, 5 May, and with 2 immatures up to 17 May (ADL, TS). In Tanzania, several Usangu Flats, 13 Mar (JSSB) and 18 on Kihanga Dam, Mufindi District, 4 Nov (AJB, EMB).

Plectropterus gambensis Spur-winged Goose N: 400+ Mbarali Rice Scheme, southern Tanzania, 1 Aug (AJB).

Sarkidiornis melanotos Knob-billed Duck N: 700 Tana Bridge, 5 Feb (DJP) but only 50+ there on 3 Aug (DEW), 700+ Ahero Rice Scheme, 11 Feb (DJP). In Tanzania, 150+ at Mbarali Rice Scheme on 1 Aug (AJB).

Thalassornis leuconotus White-backed Duck M: now appears to be absent from Lake Jipe, possibly due to over silting (DAT).

SAGITTARIIDAE: Secretary Bird

Sagittarius serpentarius Secretary Bird E: 1 Ruaha NP, southern Tanzania, 3 Jul, and up to four recorded there on several occasions Jul to early Sep (AJB, EMB).

The first records from Ruaha NP.

ACCIPITRIDAE: Birds of Prey

Gypaetus barbatus Lammergeyer R: 1 Kibichbich, Cheranganis, 9 Aug (JHF).

Accipiter minullus Little Sparrowhawk R: records received from several observers from Malindi (Aug), Sokoke Forest (Dec), Kapedo (Oct, Nov), near Kisoro, Uganda (Dec), near Arusha (Jan to Apr), Mbarali (Mar), Kilosa (Apr) and Mufindi (several months).

Aquila verreauxi Verreaux's Eagle R: 1 some 30 km S of Kondoa, Tanzania, 26 Apr (JSSB). (Kenya sites not listed.)

Aquila wahlbergi Wahlberg's Eagle N: a total of 376 observed flying south in 1 h from 11:45, at Pakuba, Kabalega Falls NP, 5 Aug (JSA).

Butastur rufipennis Grasshopper Buzzard R: singles Meru NP, 5 Nov (DAT) and near Ukasi (Thika - Garissa road), 21 Nov (DJP). Also several Mtito Andei/Voi, 19 Nov (DAT) and near MacKinnon Road, 27 Nov (DJP). 6+ Kalalu Ranch (Kilifi District), 26 Nov (MACC, DJP) and 2 near Voi, 24 Dec (JHF). In Tanzania, 1 Ngorongoro, 24 Feb (PCL), 2 Mufindi, 10 Dec and 5 Iringa - Mikumi NP, 11 Dec (NEB, AJB, EMB).

Buteo auguralis Red-necked Buzzard R: 1 60 km north of Lira (Uganda), 14 Nov well to the east of all previous records (JSA).

Hieraaetus dubius Ayres' Hawk Eagle E: in Uganda, recorded at Entebbe, 16 Oct, and 28 km east of Lira, 13 Nov, the latter a quite recently fledged juvenile (JSA).

Kaupifalco monogrammicus Lizard Buzzard E: recorded in inland Kenya at Nairobi (Jun and Sep), Athi River (Oct) and Saiwa Swamp (Jul) (ADL, PCF, DJP, DKR).

Melierax metabates Dark Chanting Goshawk E: in Uganda it was found to be common from 29 km NW of Moroto to Kidepo NP and extended west, probably continuously across into NW Uganda, where it was again found to be common (JSA).

Aviceda cuculoides Cuckoo Hawk R: in the Nairobi area, regular at Lavington, Jun to Sep (PCF). Adult with 2 immatures, Masai Lodge, 21 Jul (JHF) and singles recorded at Olulua during Aug and Sep (DKR). At the coast, 3 in Murafa Forest, N of the Sabaki River, 21 Jun (MACC, DJP) and 1 at Malindi, 12 Sep (TS) and 1 at Mariakani, 18 Aug (DAT). In the Masai Mara, 1 on 6 Sep (MK et al.). In Tanzania, several Mikumi NP, Jun and Jul and several in the Arusha area, Apr and May (NEB, EMB, AJB, JSSB).

Chelictinia riocourii Swallow-tailed Kite R: recorded at the Kedong Valley site in several months, and a pair found breeding there in Sep and Oct (see *Scopus* 8: 25-26). Elsewhere, 1 Dida Galgalla desert, 20 May (FRL, GKR), 2 Lokichoggio, 11 Jun (PS) and two over wheatfields, Timau, 24 Oct (DAT).

Macheiramphus alcinus Bat Hawk R: several records from Lake Baringo, Jan, May and Oct, Tsavo East NP, Jan, Lake Nakuru, May, Diani, Mar, Shimba Hills, May, Gede, Jul, Malindi, Jul and Aug and Morogoro (Tanzania), Jun.

FALCONIDAE: Falcons

Falco alopex Fox Kestrel R: singles at Kakuma, 13 Feb (PS), around Kapedo in May and on 14 Jul and at Lokichoggio, 7 Sep (JHj).

Falco chiquera Red-necked Falcon E: singles near Kapedo, 12 Jul (JHj) and near Kilosa, Tanzania, 7 May (JSSB).

Falco cuvieri African Hobby E: Tanzania records from the Pugu Hills (Jan), Arusha area (Mar and Apr), Makuyuni (Jun), Dar es Salaam (Sep), Mufindi (Nov) and Njombe (Nov).

Falco dickinsoni Dickinson's Kestrel E: 1 Nairobi NP, 17-18 Aug (WR) - photographs supplied.

This is only the third record for Kenya.

Falco rupicoloides White-eyed Kestrel E, N: 40+ northern Dida Galgalla desert, 20 May (FRL, GKR).

Polihierax semitorquatus Pygmy Falcon E: a female at Igawa, southern Tanzania, 1 Aug (AJB).

PHASIANIDAE: Quails, francolins

Coturnix chinensis Blue Quail R: a pair near Uleppi (West Nile, Uganda), 7 Aug (JSA).

Coturnix coturnix erlangeri Quail E, M: a bird of this race caught at night inside Ngulia Lodge was the first of this species to be recorded there (GCB, AMF-W, DJP, JHF).

Francolinus jacksoni Jackson's Francolin E: 1 at 3300 m on Mt Elgon, 8 Feb (DJP).

There appear to be only two previous records from Mt Elgon.

Francolinus levallantii Red-winged Francolin R: 2 recorded from Mufindi grasslands, southern Tanzania, 6 Aug (AJB).

Ptilopachus petrosus Stone Partridge R: 4 at Kongelai, 18 Jul (ADL, PCF) and many calling on the Losiolo escarpment, north of Maralal, 17 Oct (FA).

NUMIDIDAE: Guineafowls

Guttera edouardi Crested Guineafowl E: 7-8 Kabarnet Forest, 19 May (ADL, TS).

Guttera pucherani Kenya Crested Guineafowl E: several groups (max. 14 birds) Mwanihana Forest, southern Tanzania, 9-12 Jul (AJB).

TURNICIDAE: Button Quails

Turnix sylvatica Button Quail M: 1 on soda flats at Lake Magadi, 16 Dec (DJP).

E: widespread in Uganda in Kidepo, Kabelega Falls NP and Rwenzori NP and near Soroti and Kampala. Also 2 at Rom (northern Karamoja) 24 Jun, 1 at Adwari (Lango), 13 Nov and 3 Chepsekunia (Sebei), 21 Nov (JSA).

RALLIDAE: Rails, crakes

Crex egregia African Crane R: 1 near the Tiva River, Tsavo East NP, mid Jan (JSSB), 1 Malindi Golf Course, 9 Jul (MK, GA, JB). In Tanzania, several on the Usangu Flats Feb and Mar, a few Dodoma swamps, Mar, around Shinyanga in late Apr, several on the Mkata Plains, Kilosa area in early May (JSSB). 2 at night in mist at Mufindi, 12 and 15 May and 1 at Mbarali Rice Scheme 15 Dec (EMB). In Uganda, 1 Rwenzori NP, 9 May, 1 near Ngora (Teso) 17 Jun, 1 Kidepo NP 20 Jun and 13 there on 23 Jun; no less than 68 along 54 km of

road to the south of Lake Albert, 17 Aug; 1 at Entebbe, 27 Dec (all JSA).

Gallinula angulata Lesser Moorhen E: 1 in seasonal swamp near Kapedo, 4 Sep (JHj).

ME: 1 grounded in mist at Mufindi, southern Tanzania, 13 May (EMB). In Uganda, 1 Kajanse near Kampala, 13 Mar, 12+ at Kibimba 16 Jun and 2 there on 4 Jul, common at 18 km NE of Soroti, 18 Jun, 1 Kidepo NP, 23 Jun, 1 near Kitgum, 23 Jun, 1 Okole (Lango), 26 Jun, several near Bar (Lango), 27 Jun and 2 at Tiriri (Teso), 27 Jun (all JSA).

This concentration of Uganda records between 16 Jun and 4 Jul is particularly interesting as there were only two previous Uganda sites.

Porphyrio alleni Allen's Gallinule R (away from the Kenya coast): occurred seasonally at Lake Baringo as usual with 20+ Mar to May and 80+ Jun to Sep (TS), 2 on a small pool near Siaport (Busia) 21 Sep (MK, GA, JB).

In Tanzania, several in swamps and rice paddies Usangu Flats, 11-12 Mar (JSSB). In Uganda, recorded 16 Jun to 4 Jul as follows: 20+ Kibimba 16 Jun and 2 there on 4 Jul, 1 near Ngora (Teso) 17 Jun, common 18 km N of Soroti 18 Jun, several Kidepo NP 22 Jun, several near Bar (Lango) 27 Jun, 2 Walisa (Teso) 2 Jul (all JSA).

Porzana marginalis Striped Crake R: 1 Kimondi Swamp near Kapsabet 1 May (LS).

Rallus caerulescens African Water Rail E: in Uganda, 1 in Kidepo NP on 23 Jun represented a considerable extension of known range (JSA).

Sarothrura boehmi Streaky-breasted Pygmy Crake S(B): a male caught at night on 5 May at Mufindi, southern Tanzania, is now in the British Museum, Tring (NEB, EMB) and an account is in press for *Scopus*.

The first definite record for Tanzania

Sarothrura rufa Red-chested Pygmy Crake R: present at Tengeru near Arusha between Jan and May (JSSB).

OTIDIDAE: Bustards

Neotis denhami Denham's Bustard E (Kenya and Tanzania records): 5 or more resident in the Aitong area of the Mara GR, with male displaying in Nov (TS, DAT). A pair displaying at Mugie, Laikipia plateau 4-5 May with small numbers resident there at least from May to Sep (TS), 1 in wheatfields near Timau 5 Aug (DEW). In Tanzania, 2 near Mtera Dam 18 Mar (JSSB) and a pair in the Serengeti NP in Oct (DAT).

JACANIDAE: Jacanas

Microparra capensis Lesser Jacana E: fairly common resident at Lake Ngwasi, Mufindi, southern Tanzania with 20+ there on 24 Jul (AJB, EMB).

ROSTRATULIDAE: Painted Snipes

Rostratula benghalensis Painted Snipe R: records from the Tiva River, Tsavo East NP (Jan), Amboseli NP (Feb), Lake Baringo (Mar, Jul, Aug), Marich Pass (Mar) and Mwea Rice Scheme (Jul).

In Tanzania, recorded at Ilonga near Kilosa (Oct) and from the Mbarali Rice Scheme (Oct).

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers

Vanellus crassirostris Long-toed Plover E: several on the Usangu Flats, southern Tanzania during Mar (JSSB).

Vanellus lugubris Senegal Plover E: 50+ Meru NP in early Nov (DAT).

B: pair with 2 young about 14 d old at Entebbe 4 Sep and another pair there also with 2 young (3 to 4 weeks old) 27 Nov (JSA). Pair in distraction display at Nabugabo (Masaka) 21 and 22 Oct may also have had young (all JSA).

Vanellus melanopterus Black-winged Plover E: 100+ Mara GR, 24-27 Dec (DKR).

ROMADIDAE: Crab Plover

Dromas ardeola Crab Plover M: flock of about 30 flying off Shimoni towards Pemba Island, 18 Oct (PH, MB).

GLAREOLIDAE: Coursers, pratincoles

Rhinoptilus chalcopterus Violet-tipped Courser R: 1 Kondo, Tanzania, 1 Mar (JSSB).

Glareola ocularis Madagascar Pratincole N, D: 2500+ Sabaki River mouth, 22 Apr (MACC, DJP).

LARIDAE: Gulls, terns

Larus hemprichii Sooty Gull D: recorded in the Diani - Galu area of the south Kenya coast up to 22 May and from 28 Sep, but odd birds still present at Ras Ngomeni (north coast), 19 Jun (MACC).

Anous stolidus Common Noddy R: 5-6 off Shimoni 27 Aug (MACC, DJP, TS, DAT), 1 Galu beach 24 Nov (MACC) and 3-4 off Watamu 30 Dec (DAT). In Tanzania, several thousands (presumed breeding) Latham Island 16 Dec (NEB).

Anous tenuirostris Lesser Noddy S(B): 2-3 off Shimoni 27 Aug and 7+ off Malindi 11 Sep (MACC, DJP, TS).

Chlidonias hybridus Whiskered Tern B: 7 or more pairs bred Lari swamp, Limuru, late Jan - Feb, with some chicks reared (DJP), while near Eldoret 10 or more pairs bred Oct - Nov (LS).

Sterna anaethetus Bridled Tern R: 6-7 off Shimoni 27 Aug, 30+ off Malindi 11 Sep and 2 off Watamu 30 Dec (MACC, DJP, TS, DAT) were the only records received.

Sterna bergii Crested Tern N: max. count 70 at Ras Ngomeni 23 Apr (MACC, DJP).

Sterna dougallii Roseate Tern N: 20 Ras Ngomeni 18-19 Jun, 350 Galu in breeding plumage 3 Jul, 200 in breeding plumage at Kilifi 16 Aug, 20+ off Shimoni 27 Aug and about 50 off Malindi 11 Sep (MACC, DJP, TS, DAT).
B: several hundred pairs bred on Whale Island off Mida Creek during Jul and Aug (DAT).

Sterna fuscata Sooty Tern R: 2-3 Ras Ngomeni 18 Jun, 100+ off Malindi 11 Sep and 3 off Watamu 30 Dec were the only Kenya records (MACC, DJP, TS, DAT). In Tanzania, a few thousands (presumed breeding) at Latham Island 16 Dec (NEB).

Sterna repressa White-cheeked Tern R: hundreds at Ras Ngomeni 23 Apr with many in full or partial breeding plumage (MACC, DJP) and 200 Galu (south coast) in partial breeding plumage 22 May and 100 there on 3 Jul (MACC). Other records received were: 10 Ras Ngomeni 18-19 Jun, ones and twos along the south coast 16-20 Aug, 1 off Shimoni 27 Aug, 6 off Malindi 11 Sep, 4-5 Malindi fish harbour 23 Nov, 1 off Watamu 30 Dec (MACC, DJP, TS, DAT).

RYNCHOPIDAE: Skimmers

Rynchops flavirostris African Skimmer R: 8-10 Sabaki River mouth from mid Jul to mid Aug (MK et al.) but only 2 there by 26 Nov (MACC). Singles Lake Jipe Aug to Nov (DAT) and Athi River 24 Sep (DJP); about 20 Lake Baringo mid Mar (TS) and 700+ Ferguson's Gulf, Lake Turkana, late Oct (TS).
In Tanzania, 15+ Ruaha NP from Jun to Sep (AJB). In Uganda, about 120 Lake George 11 May (JSA).

COLUMBIDAE: Pigeons, doves

Columba guinea Speckled Pigeon N: 300+ Wilson Airport, Nairobi, 27 Apr (DKR).

Columba uincincta Afep Pigeon R: fairly common Kibale Forest, Uganda, during May (JSA).

Streptopelia vinacea Vinaceous Dove R: recorded in Uganda south to the Hoima, Nakasongola and Soroti areas (JSA).

Treron waalia Bruce's Green Pigeon R: in northern Uganda fairly common in the Kabalega Falls NP and around Moyo (West Nile) during Aug. One about 30 km S of Kitgum 25 Jun, 2 to the south of Arua 7 Aug, and recorded in several localities in south Acholi during Nov. Some overlap with the Green Pigeon *T. australis* at 2-3N in the west (all records: JSA).

PSITTACIDAE: Parrots, lovebirds

Psittacus erithacus Grey Parrot E: flock of 14 over Yala River in non-forest habitat 12 Nov (DAT).

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, coucals

Clamator glandarius Great Spotted Cuckoo R: several records from Meru NP (Apr), Naivasha (May), Lake Baringo (Apr to Jun and a few Oct and Nov), Nairobi (Apr). In Uganda, at Chepsekunia (Sebei) during Nov and near Mbarara (Dec).

Clamator jacobinus Black and White Cuckoo R: records from Bissel (late Mar), Nairobi, Amboseli and coast (Apr) and Nakuru (early May) and in Tsavo and along the Mwingi - Garissa road (late Nov - Dec) were all of birds with white underparts. All-black birds were seen at Meru NP 3 Apr and near Loitokitok 14 May (DJP, DAT). Two different birds at Naivasha 8 May were dusky below (presumed *serratus*) (DJP).

In Tanzania a few were present in Mikumi NP 29 Apr and 1 May (NEB).

Clamator levaillantii Levaillant's Cuckoo R: singles Tsavo East NP mid Jan, Langata (Nairobi) 22 Apr, Kongelai 18 Jul, Kakamega 13 Sep and Machakos 27 Nov (JSSB, PCF, JHF, MK, GA, JB, LB, ADL).

In Tanzania, singles at Usangu Flats in Feb and Mar and at Dodoma 18 Mar (JSSB).

Cuculus clamosus Black Cuckoo R: Kenya records from Kakamega (Feb, Sep), Bissel (Mar), Tsavo West NP (Mar), Kongelai (Jul), Kapedo - Loruk (Sep, Oct), Lake Baringo (Oct), Mwingi - Ukasi (Nov, Dec) and Mara GR (Dec).

In Tanzania heard near Kilosa in Nov (PJM). Widely distributed in Uganda in the west and southwest, also near Lake Victoria, but also recorded near Kitgum 25 Jan, near Karuma Falls (Lango) 26 Jun, near Bar (Lango) 27 Jun and near Gulu 11 Aug (JSA).

Cuculus gularis African Cuckoo R: in Kenya, records from Kajiado and Bissel in Mar, Marigat and Lake Baringo in Aug, Kapedo - Loruk from Sep to Nov, Garissa in Nov (a juvenile) and from MacKinnon Road, also in Nov (PCF, JHj, DJP, DEW). In Tanzania, a few in the Kilosa area 1 to 10 May (JSSB) and singles at Mufindi 15 Mar and 14 Nov (AJB) and Njombe 7 Nov (EMB).

In Uganda, 1 near Tororo 24 Apr and a pair calling and displaying near Mbarara 12 Dec (JSA).

Cuculus poliocephalus Lesser Cuckoo R: a male in *Acacia* woodland at Lake Nakuru on 2 May was in generally worn plumage and was therefore assumed to have been of the Madagascar race *rochii* (DJP).

Centropus grillii Black Coucal R: 1 in breeding plumage Meru NP 3 Aug (DAT) was unusual in the middle of the dry season. In Tanzania, several in breeding plumage Serengeti Feb (PCL), and 1 Morogoro 13 Mar (AJB).

Centropus senegalensis Senegal Coucal E: present Mbarali Rice Scheme, southern Tanzania 31 Mar and a pair near Ruaha NP HQ on 24 Dec (PJM).

TYTONIDAE: Barn Owls

Tyto capensis Cape Grass Owl R: a pair breeding near Ol Donyo Sabuk during Feb (PED). In Tanzania, 1 near Makambako 26 Nov (NEB, EMB).

STRIGIDAE: Owls

Otus ireneae Sokoke Scops Owl R: common in suitable habitat in Sokoke Forest, with as many as 9 birds/km² in some parts. Total Sokoke population thought possibly to exceed 1000 pairs (UEA-ICBP Exped.).

Otus leucotis White-faced Scops Owl R: pair Meru NP 2-3 Aug (DAT), 1 dead on road 35km N of the Marich Pass 14 Jan (PS). In Tanzania, a single bird at Dar es Salaam 24 Jun (NEB).

Scotopelia peli Pel's Fishing Owl R: 1 observed near Bushwhackers Camp on the Athi River, 18 Jul (SH, DS).

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Nightjars

Caprimulgus fraenatus Dusky Nightjar R: records from the Laikipia plateau (May), Nairobi NP (Oct - road-kill) and Ngulia (early Dec) (GCB, AS, TS).

Caprimulgus inornatus Plain Nightjar R: 2 caught in early Dec at Ngulia (GCB). In Uganda, 1 30km NW of Moroto 20 June (dead) and 1 Lutembo, Kampala, 10 Jul (JSA).

Caprimulgus nubicus Nubian Nightjar R: 3 caught at Ngulia in early Dec (GCB).

Macrodipteryx vexillarius Pennant-winged Nightjar R: 1 near Kapedo 1 Sep (JHJ).

APODIDAE: Swifts

Apus aequatorialis Mottled Swift N: flock of 75+ drinking from roadside pool near Marigat 7 Aug (DAT).

Apus melba Alpine Swift E: in Tanzania, 7+ Mbarali Rice Scheme 1 Aug (AJB). In the Mufindi area 25+ on 30 Sep and 30+ on 4 Oct were the first records from this locality (EMB, AJB).

Apus horus Horus Swift E: in Uganda, many at Mweya, Rwenzori NP 9-10 May (JSA).

COLIIDAE: Mousebirds

Colius leucocephalus White-headed Mousebird E: small party near the Tiva River, Tsavo East NP, mid Jan (JSSB).

TROGONIDAE: Trogons

Apaloderma narina Narina's Trogon E: recorded at two sites in the Mara GR in Aug (DAT).

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfishers

Halcyon albiventris Brown-hooded Kingfisher E: a pair beside the Tana Bridge on 1 Nov (DAT).

MEROPIIDAE: Bee-eaters

Merops bulcocki Red-throated Bee-eater E: a single bird at Ntoroko at the south end of Lake Albert (Uganda) on 17 Aug and 2 more 28km further south were all well south of the species' known range (JSA).
B: 200 at nest holes at Chobe, Kabalega Falls NP 13 Aug (JSA).

Merops hirundineus Swallow-tailed Bee-eater E: 1 Adwari (Lango, Uganda) on 13 Nov was well south of its known range (JSA).

Merops nubicus Carmine Bee-eater E: 1 at Mtito Andei on 11 Nov and 2 there on 26 Nov (DJP, JHF, DAT).

CORACIIDAE: Rollers

Eurystomus glaucurus Broad-billed Roller E: 1 at Lake Baringo 28 Sep to 9 Oct (TS). In Tanzania, 1 at Mufindi on 12 Oct, a first record for the area, may have been a migrant en route to Madagascar (EMB).

PHOENICULIDAE: Wood Hoopoes

Phoeniculus minor Abyssinian Scimitarbill E: a pair Usangu Flats, southern Tanzania mid Feb (JSSB). In Uganda, 1 10 km E of Chepsekunia (Sebei) 21 Nov extends the species' range southwards in eastern Uganda (JSA).

BUCEROTIDAE: Hornbills

Bycanistes bucinator Trumpeter Hornbill E: 2 in the Ruvu Valley, coastal Tanzania 23 Jul (NEB).

Tockus hemprichii Hemprich's Hornbill R: 1 Kimwarei, W of the Kerio Valley, 11 Aug (JHF).

Bucorvus abyssinicus Abyssinian Ground Hornbill R: a pair near Marigat 30 Apr (DAT) and 20 May (ADL, TS). Resident along the Ndau River (TS), also between Nginyang and Kapedo (JHj) and several sightings N of the Marich Pass (PS).

CAPITONIDAE: Barbets

Buccanodon whytii Whyte's Barbet R: a pair feeding young near Mufindi, southern Tanzania 26 Nov (AJB, EMB).

The race involved was presumably *terminatum*, only once previously recorded in Tanzania.

INDICATORIDAE: Honeyguides

Indicator variegatus Scaly-throated Honeyguide E: 1 Pugu Hills forest near Dar es Salaam 20 Nov (NEB).

Prodotiscus regulus Wahlberg's Honeybird E: 2 in Mikumi NP 24 Jul (NEB) were the first records for the park.

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers, wrynecks

Jynx ruficollis Red-throated Wryneck R: apart from several records in the Kenya highlands, the following have been received: 1 Mara GR 18 Aug (DEW) and 1 30 km N of Bushenyi (Ankole, Uganda) 17 May (JSA).

Picoides obsoletus Brown-backed Woodpecker R: present in most months Ololua Forest, Nairobi (DKR) but no other Kenya records received. In Uganda, 1 near Bar (Lango) 27 Jun (JSA).

EURYLAIMIDAE: Broadbills

Smithornis capensis African Broadbill R: pair with nest near Kiganjo Jan (DAT) and 1 Sokoke Forest 25 Aug (UEA-ICBP Exped.). Heard in Kakamega Forest Jun, Aug, Sep and Dec with up to 5 in Jun (FRL, GKR, JHF, PEG, DEW). One heard Mrima Hill, Kenya south coast, 25 Sep and 2 there on 6 Nov (MACC, RAM). In Tanzania, resident around Lake Duluti and Arusha NP (JSSB). Recorded in Uganda 3 km E of Kibimba 24 Apr and just S of Kibimba 19 Oct - new localities (JSA).

PITTIDAE: Pittas

Pitta angolensis African Pitta R: 1 Gede Forest 27 Aug (UCE-ICBP Exped.), and 1 near Shimoni on the late date of 19 Dec (TA).

In Tanzania, 5 grounded at night in mist at Mufindi 5 May (EMB).

ALAUDIDAE: Larks

Galerida modesta Sun Lark S(A): records from West Nile District, Uganda, were: as follows: 3 10 km NE of Yumbe 8 Aug, 2 30 km NE of Omugo 8 Aug, 2 7 km S

of Laropi 10 Aug (all JSA).

First Uganda (and East Africa) records for many years.

Mirafra cantillans Singing Bush Lark M: 1 caught at night in mist at Ngulia
7 Dec (GCB).

Mirafra hypermetra Red-winged Bush Lark E: 2 near Chepsekunia (Sebei) 21 Nov,
thus extending its range southwards in eastern Uganda (JSA).

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows

Hirundo angolensis Angola Swallow D: present in the Mufindi area, southern
Tanzania, Apr to Dec (AJB, EMB).

Hirundo atrocaerulea Blue Swallow D: present in the Mufindi area from 4 Nov
to 11 May (AJB, EMB).

Hirundo semirufa Rufous-chested Swallow N: widespread in the Mara GR 18-20 Aug
(DEW).

Psalidoprocne pristoptera Black Rough-wing E: 1 near sea level at Murafa, N
of the Sabaki River, 21 Jun (MACC, DJP).

ORIOOLIDAE: Orioles

Oriolus auratus African Golden Oriole D: an immature at Bissel on the early
date of 31 Mar (DJP, ADL).

CORVIDAE: Crows, Piapiac

Ptilostomus afer Piapiac E: flock of 26 at Kisumu 11 Aug (DAT, WR).

Second Kenya record: the first was some 15 km further west at Maseno in
Apr 1971 (see EANHS Bulletin 1971: 99).

REMIZIDAE: Penduline Tits

Remiz musculus Mouse-coloured Penduline Tit E: a pair at Serere (Teso) on 16
Nov (JSA) extends the range south from NE Uganda.

TIMALIIDAE: Babblers

Turdoides hindei Hinde's Pied Babbler R: pair plus 2 fledged young at Kiri-
nyaga in late Oct (DAT). Party of 5 on Potha Ranch, S of Machakos, 27 Nov
(ADL).

Turdoides jardineii Arrow-marked Babbler E: small party 15 km N of Mogotio on
16 May (ADL).

Turdoides plebejus Brown Babbler E: 40+ Maralal area 7 Aug (DEW) and several
groups along the western edge of the Laikipia plateau 8 Aug (DEW).

Turdoides rubiginosus Rufous Chatterer E: 3 near Dodoma (Tanzania) 20 Mar
(JSSB).

CAMPEPHAGIDAE: Cuckoo Shrikes

Campephaga quisqualis Purple-throated Cuckoo Shrike E: 1 at Kabyoyon, Mt Elgon
(Uganda) 10 Nov (JSA).

Coracina caesia Grey Cuckoo Shrike E: 1 at Mrima Hill, south Kenya coast,
6 Nov (MACC, RAM).

Coracina pectoralis White-breasted Cuckoo Shrike R: singles at Mikumi NP 26
Jun and near Njombe 7 Nov (EMB). In Uganda, 1 at Lutembe, Kampala, 25 Apr
was well outside its known range (JSA).

TURDIDAE: Thrushes

Cercomeia familiaris Red-tailed Chat E: 1 Kito Pass NW of Baringo 23 Feb (TS),
2 on the Ololoolo escarpment, northwestern Mara GR on 29 May and 18 Aug
(FRL, GKR, DEW). In Uganda, 1 Rom (NE Acholi) 24 Jun and 3 Labwor (Lango)
13 Nov (JSA).

- Cercomela scotocerca* Brown-tailed Rock Chat E: resident on lava flow in the Shaba GR near Archer's Post (DAT).
- Cercotrichas quadrivirgata* Eastern Bearded Scrub Robin E: 2 near Dodoma (Tanzania) 17 Mar (JSSB).
- Cossypha natalensis* Red-capped Robin Chat E (away from the coast): 1 Kitovu Forest, Taveta 20 Nov (DAT) and 1 at Aruba, Tsavo East NP, 29 Dec (JM). In Tanzania, juveniles netted at Mufindi 14 Feb (EMB).
- Dryocichloides lowei* Iringa Ground Robin R: 7 netted at Mufindi between 20 Mar and 7 May and 2 netted there 27 Dec (AJB, EMB).
- Monticola rufocinerea* Little Rock Thrush R: 2 near Ngobit 8 Nov (DAT) and 1 N of Baringo 18 May (ADL, TS). In Uganda, 1 Kapawata (Sebei) 9 Nov (JSA).
- Oenanthe bottae* Red-breasted Wheatear R: a few Lokichoggio airstrip 6 Jul and 7 Sep (JHj). In Uganda, 2 10 km W of Moroto 19 Jun and common north to Kidepo NP in Jun (JSA).
- Sheppardia gunningi* East Coast Akalat R: a pair on the northern edge of the Shimba Hills NP 10-11 May and singles in Sokoce Forest 9 and 13 Jul and 3 and 6 Aug (FRL, GKR, UEA-ICBP Exped.).
- Turdus fischeri* Spotted Ground Thrush R: Gede Forest population estimated at 60-80 birds in Jul and Aug with a density of 1.5 - 2 birds/ha, however, only 3 recorded in Sokoce Forest during the same period (UEA-ICBP Exped.).
- Turdus litsipsirupa* Groundscraper Thrush D, R: several in the Mufindi area of southern Tanzania during Nov (AJB, EMB).
- Turdus pelios* African Thrush E: 1 15 km N of Mogotio 16 May (ADL) and 1 between Marigat and Kabarnet 19 May (ADL, TS).
- SYLVIIDAE: Warblers
- Apalis binotata* Masked Apalis E: recorded in an area 37 km NW of Kabale, and at Lake Mutanda near Kisoro in SW Uganda, 15-16 Dec (JSA).
- Cameroptera stierlingi* Barred Wren Warbler E: in Tanzania, 2 40 km N of Kondo 1 Mar, a few near Dodoma 17 Mar and 1 Mkata plateau 5 May (JSSB).
- Cisticola bodessa* Boran Cisticola E: 2-3 Kito Pass NW of Baringo 23 Feb (TS), a pair at Maralal 8 Aug and another on the escarpment NE of Lake Baringo 8 Aug (DEW).
- Cisticola nana* Tiny Cisticola E: 1 Kito Pass NW of Baringo 23 Feb (TS).
- Dryocichla incana* Red-winged Grey Warbler R: a pair with 2 dependent young 24 km S of Paraa Lodge, Kabalega Falls NP, Uganda, 4 Aug (JSA).
- Eremomela scotops* Green-capped Eremomela E: a pair feeding young 40 km N of Kondo, Tanzania, 1 Mar (JSSB).
- Heliolais erythroptera* Red-winged Warbler R: in Tanzania, 2 pairs and a single bird in the Ilonga/Kilosa area, 1-10 May and 1 at Maguha (N of Kilosa) 2 May, (JSSB) and 1 Mremba, near Ilonga, 25-28 Dec (PJM).
- Parisoma lugens* Brown Parisoma E: 1 Baringo 6 Aug (DAT).
- Phyllolais pulchella* Buff-bellied Warbler E: 2 Usangu Flats, southern Tanzania 13 Mar (JSSB).
- Prinia leucopogon* White-chinned Prinia E: present in Kabarnet Forest, 19 May (ADL, TS).

MUSCICAPIDAE: Flycatchers

Muscicapa gambagae Gambaga Flycatcher S(B): an adult with a juvenile 5 km E of Garissa, and 2 other adults nearby 20 Nov (DJP).

Muscicapa lendu Chapin's Flycatcher S(B): 1 Kakamega Forest 9 Aug (DAT).

Myioparus plumbeus Lead-coloured Flycatcher E: a pair Baringo 6 Aug (DAT).

Erannornis albicauda White-tailed Blue Flycatcher R: a pair building a nest at Karatu (Ngorongoro, Tanzania) 16 Oct (DAT). In Uganda, common in the area from 37 km NW of Kabale to Kisoro, and in the Impenetrable Forest in May and Dec (JSA).

MOTACILLIDAE: Wagtails, pipits, longclaws

Anthus sokokensis Sokoke Pipit R, N: found commonly in Sokoke Forest with a density of about 1 pair per 2 ha in an area of 35 km² of *Azelia* forest. Total Sokoke population thought probably to exceed 2000 pairs (UEA-ICBP Exped.).

Macronyx sharpei Sharpe's Longclaw E: a pair in highland grassland above Timau 1 Aug (DAT).

MALACONOTIDAE: Bush Shrikes

Laniarius barbarus Black-headed Gonolek E: 1 Baringo from 8 Aug onwards, and 2 there during mid Oct (TS).

Laniarius mufumbiri Papyrus Gonolek E: in Uganda, a northerly record from Acholi at 37 km S of Gulu on 26 Jun (JSA).

Laniarius ruficeps Red-naped Bush Shrike R: common (20+ seen) around Ukasi on the Mwingi - Garissa road 19 Nov, with a few at the same locality, but in greener conditions, on 15 Dec (DJP).

LANIIDAE: Shrikes

Lanius gubernator Emin's Shrike R: 3+ Chobe (Kabalega Falls NP, Uganda) and 1 37 km NW of Chobe, 12 Aug (JSA).

PRIONOPIDAE: Helmet Shrikes

Prionops poliophlopa Grey-crested Helmet Shrike R: 1 near Narok 19 Sep (DAT) and a party of 7 in Lake Nakuru NP 23 Jun (PC-P).

STURNIDAE: Starlings, oxpeckers

Cinnyricinclus sharpii Sharpe's Starling R: party of 12 birds Kakamega Forest 12 and 14 Sep (JHF, MK, GA, LB) and 1 Tugen Hills Forest 19 May (ADL, TS). In Tanzania, a party in Arusha NP 7 Jan (JSSB).

Lamprotornis chalcurus Bronze-tailed Starling R: several with Lesser Blue-eared Glossy Starlings *L. chloropterus* at the base of the Kongelai escarpment 17 Jul, and also several at Kodich, 18 Jul (PCF, ADL). In Uganda, 1 at Chobe (Kabalega Falls NP) 12 Aug (JSA).

Speculipastor bicolor Magpie Starling R: numerous Kenya records south to the Lodwar - Kakuma area, Baringo and Tsavo East NP.

Spreo shelleyi Shelley's Starling R: 30+ Meru NP 7 May (TS), small parties from Nguni (Kitui District) east to Garissa, and at Kalalu Ranch (Kilifi District) during Nov (DJP), also in the Bachuma area, Tsavo East NP during Aug and Nov (DAT).

Buphagus africanus Yellow-billed Oxpecker E: 1 Baringo 6 Aug (DAT).

NECTARINIIDAE: Sunbirds

Anthreptes pallidigaster Amani Sunbird M: fairly common in Sokoke Forest Jul

and August (UEA-ICBP Exped.), but continued felling of *Brachystegia* woodland may soon seriously threaten this species here.

Anthreptes platurus Pygmy Sunbird S(B): a male 40 km E of Moroto, Uganda on 19 Jun (JSA).

Nectarinia bifasciata Little Purple-banded Sunbird E: single males near Muhororo and Ntoroko (Toro, Uganda) 16-17 Aug (JSA).

Nectarinia habessinica Shining Sunbird R: resident in the Kapedo area N of Baringo (TS).

Nectarinia manoensis Miombo Double-collared Sunbird R: singles at Mufindi, southern Tanzania daily during late Nov (AJB) and 1 at Lake Ngwasi 26 Nov (AJB, EMB).

Nectarinia minulla Tiny Sunbird E: 7 near Matiri (Toro, Uganda) 18 Apr near, or on the edge of Kibale Forest (JSA).

Nectarinia rufipennis Rufous-winged Sunbird S(B): several pairs resident in Mwanihana Forest, southern Tanzania (AJB).

Nectarinia seimundi Little Green Sunbird E: 2 at Nabugabo (Masaka, Uganda) 25 Oct, providing an interesting link between the Sango Bay population and recent Kifu records (JSA).

PLOCEIDAE: Weavers etc.

Anomalospiza imberbis Parasitic Weaver R: up to 6 pairs around Wilson Airport, Nairobi during Dec (FN). In Uganda, records from Kibimba area (Busoga) in Jul, from Kitgum in Jun and Olim (Teso) in Nov indicate a wider distribution than was known previously (JSA).

Euplectes afer Yellow-crowned Bishop N: max. numbers at Baringo were 50+ in May (TS).

B: breeding on the Usangu Flats, southern Tanzania, Dodoma and Kondoa areas during Feb and Mar (JSSB).

Euplectes diadematus Fire-fronted Bishop R: plentiful and breeding along parts of the Tiva River, Tsavo East NP in mid Jan (JSSB).

Ploceus golandi Clarke's Weaver R: small flocks recorded in Sokoke Forest in Aug (DAT, UEA-ICBP Exped.), and 4 birds recorded there 31 Dec (PAG).

Ploceus heuglini Heuglin's Masked Weaver R: in Uganda, 6 near Katwe, Lake Edward 10 May, 1 at Paraa, Kabalega Falls NP 6 Aug, and 5 S of Ntoroko (Toro) 17 Aug (JSA).

Ploceus rubiginosus Chestnut Weaver E: recorded in Uganda from near Katakwi (Teso) 18 Jun, 2 at Akoroi (Teso) 30 June, 7 near Palisa (Bukedi) 2 Jul and 6 near Chepsekunia (Sebei) 21 Nov (JSA).

Ploceus spekeoides Fox's Weaver R: 1 seen 10 km E of Chepsekunia (Sebei) 21 Nov (JSA).

Ploceus superciliosus Compact Weaver R: small party Kakamega 12 Sep (JHF, MK, GA, JB, LB) and a pair near Port Victoria 28 May (FRL, GKR).

Ploceus weynsi Weyn's Weaver R: about 50 near Bombo, Uganda, 11 Oct (JSA).

Quelea erythropters Red-headed Quelea B: breeding colonies in Tanzania as follows: 1 Mwadui (Shinyanga) early Apr, 3 Mabana near Magole mid Apr, 2 near Kilosa early May and 2 near Dar es Salaam mid May (JSSB).

Quelea quelea Red-billed Quelea E: huge colony in Ambatch trees at Akaroi, near Serere (Teso) 30 Jun, one of four in the area was apparently the first

breeding record for Uganda (JSA).

Plocepasser superciliosus Chestnut-crowned Sparrow Weaver E: Uganda records from Rom (NE Acholi) in Jun, Kabalega Falls NP in Aug, near Laropi (West Nile) in Aug, near Butiaba in Oct and at Labwor in Nov (JSA).

Passer castanopterus Somali Sparrow R: resident at Kapedo with numbers fluctuating between 50 and 200 (TS, JHj). Also present 27 km S of Lodwar on 13 Jun (PS).

Passer domesticus House Sparrow E: now well established and breeding around Mombasa railway station and airport, while a pair at Voi 29 May (GCB) and a pair at Mtito Andei 29 Dec (JM) indicate further inland extensions of range.

Passer motitensis Rufous Sparrow E: recorded in E Uganda south to Bugisu and Sebei, also common in S Teso between Serere and Ngora (JSA).

Vidua hypocherina Steel-blue Whydah E: males recorded near Olorgesailie 17 Mar, 15 May and 5 Jun, near Kajiado 31 Mar and near Kongelai 18 Jul (PCF, ADL, MEJG, DJP), while in Tanzania, 1 at Usangu Flats in mid Feb (JSSB).

Vidua obtusa Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah R: 2 Mikumi NP, Tanzania 26 Jun, and 1 Ruaha River gorge 22 June (AJB, EMB).

Vidua paradisaea Paradise Whydah E: 2 Kabyoyon (Sebei, Uganda) on 10 Nov was well to the south of other eastern Uganda records.

ESTRILDIDAE: Waxbills

Cryptospiza salvadorii Abyssinian Crimson-wing E: several Kabarnet Forest 19 May (ADL, TS).

Estrilda erythronotus Black-cheeked Waxbill E: 2 near Mbirizi (Masaka) 30 Apr, 2 8 km W of Lwampanga, near Nakasongole 13 Oct, and 4 at Nampyanga, near Soroti on 12 Nov were well outside the documented Uganda range (JSA).

Estrilda rhodopyga Crimson-rumped Waxbill E: flock of 10 at Dar es Salaam 19 Nov (NEB) were the first records for Dar.

Estrilda troglodytes Black-rumped Waxbill E: about 20 Lake Opeta (Teso, Uganda) were well south of the known range in eastern Uganda (JSA).

Lagonosticta rufopicta Bar-breasted Firefinch E: common in various months in Serere area (Teso, Uganda), also 2 78 km N of Soroti 27 Jun, 2 Kachoma (Teso) 2 Jul, 6 Dokolo (Lango) 12 Nov and 2 near Apala (Lango) 13 Nov all indicate that it is more extensive in range in Uganda than previously documented; it probably extends right across the country (JSA).

Oryzospiza gabonensis Black-chinned Quailfinch R: common at Kibimba (Busoga, Uganda) between Apr and Nov (max at least 50) while several seen in Rwenzori NP and nearer Katwe during May, and 3 at Serere (Teso) 15 Nov (JSA).

Pyrenestes minor Lesser Seed-cracker S(B): 2 at Mufindi, southern Tanzania, 9 Apr and 1 there on 15 Sep (EMB).

Amadina fasciata Cut-throat E: 2 10 km E of Chepsekunia (Sebei, Uganda) (JSA).

Lonchura griseicapilla Grey-headed Silverbill E: flock of 16 at Karen, Nairobi 5 Nov (FA). At Dar es Salaam, 1 on 5 Feb (NEB) was the first for the area.

Lonchura malabarica Silverbill E: a pair near Dodoma, Tanzania 22 Mar and a party to the south of Lake Manyara 26 Apr (JSSB).

FRINGILLIDAE: Buntings, seed-eaters

Emberiza cabanisi Cabanis' Bunting E: 2 males along the Ntandi - Fort Portal road (Toro, Uganda) 1 Aug (JSA).

Serinus atroularis Yellow-rumped Seed-eater E: 12+ Kadam (southern Karamoja, Uganda) 21 Oct (JSA).

Serinus burtoni Thick-billed Seed-eater E: 1 20 km SE of Mubende, Uganda, 28 Jul (JSA) was well outside the known range in Uganda.

Serinus mennelli Black-eared Seed-eater S(B): 1 in *Brachystegia* woodland 100 km SE of Njombe, southern Tanzania 8 Nov.

First record of this species for many years.

Serinus reichardi Stripe-breasted Seed-eater R: pair at the edge of Mukogodo Forest near Dol Dol 17 Dec (DAT).

In addition, records were also received of the following REQUESTED (R) species, but all from well known and previously documented localities and, as such, have not been included in the species accounts above:

- Southern Banded Snake Eagle *Circaetus fasciolatus* - Kenya coast
 Grey Kestrel *Falco ardosiaceus* - Mara GR
 African Hobby *F. cucullatus* - western Kenya and the Lake Victoria basin
 African Finfoot *Podica senegalensis* - Nairobi NP and Fourteen Falls, near Thika
 Lesser Jacana *Microparra capensis* - Amboseli NP
 Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse *Pterocles lichtensteinii* - Baringo
 Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri* - Kidepo NP
 Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo *Cercococcyx montanus* - Mufindi, southern Tanzania
 Thick-billed Cuckoo *Pachycoccyx audeberti* - Soko Forest
 Barred Owlet *Glaucidium capense* - Soko Forest
 Red-chested Owlet *G. tephronotum* - Kakamega Forest
 Donaldson-Smith's Nightjar *Caprimulgus donaldsoni* - Tsavo East and Tsavo West
 Black Swift *Apus barbatus* - Mt Kenya
 Scarce Swift *Schoutedenapus myoptilus* - Mt Kenya and Kakamega Forest
 Horus Swift *Apus horus* - rift valley and northern Tanzania
 Böhm's Bee-eater *Merops boehmi* - Pugu Hills near Dar es Salaam
 Abyssinian Roller *Coracias abyssinica* - Lake Turkana and northwestern Kenya
 Forest Wood Hoopoe *Phoeniculus castaneiceps* - forests in western Uganda
 Pale-billed Hornbill *Tockus pallidirostris* - Mikumi NP and Kilosa, Tanzania
 Rufous Short-toed Lark *Calandrella somalica* - Nairobi NP
 Spike-heeled Lark *Chersomanes albofasciata* - Arusha area, northern Tanzania
 Spotted Creeper *Salpornis spilonota* - Kitale - Kapenguria area
 Grey-olive Greenbul *Phyllastrephus cerviniventris* - Arusha area, northern Tanzania
 Brown-backed Scrub Robin *Cercotrichas hartlaubi* - Nairobi area
 Southern Hyliota *Hyliota australis* - Kakamega Forest
 Little Tawny Pipit *Anthus caffer* - Mara GR
 Papyrus Canary *Serinus koliensis* - Kisumu area

PALAEARCTIC SPECIES

Ixobrychus minutus minutus Little Bittern (Palearctic race) R: 1 Lake Baringo early Apr (TS).

Ciconia ciconia White Stork N: largest numbers reported were 200+ Elmenteita 19 Mar (DKR), 350+ Mara GR 15 Nov (DAT), 400 Kiboko 11 Dec and 400 Naivasha 22 Dec (DJP). Hundreds Magadi 12 Dec and Mara GR 23-26 Dec (DKR).

Recent passage movements of this species have been most regularly noted in recent years through western Kenya in late Nov.

D: overwintering birds in Uganda at Kidepo NP 23 Jun (single bird) and at

Kibimba 20 Jul (10 birds) (JSA). In Kenya, where oversummering groups are more regular, 100+ Athi River 12 Jun (PED).

Ciconia nigra Black Stork R: recorded Nairobi area to 17 Apr (up to 4 birds), and from 15 Oct (again up to 4). In Tsavo East NP 1-2 Jan and Dec (JSSB, JM), 1 Kito Pass 23 Feb (TS), 1 Meru NP 7 Mar (TS), 1 Mara GR 2 Apr and 4 there 27 Dec (DKR), 1 Karatina swamp during Nov and Dec (DAT). In Tanzania, singles Arusha NP late Jan and 26 Feb (JSSB, DAT) and 1 Seronera River 22 Feb (PCL).

More records than usual away from the regular haunts in Nairobi NP and Tsavo East NP. This species tends to arrive earlier and depart later than the White Stork.

Platalea leucorodia Eurasian Spoonbill S(B): a first year bird at Kajansi, near Kampala 18 Jan, 13 and 18 Mar (JSA, MJC, ABS). Probably the same individual as that at this site in late 1982.

Anas acuta Pintail N: on the Kinangop, counts of 4000 at Strong's Dam and 1400 at Simini's Dam 3 Jan (DJP). At Lake Nakuru 400+ in Jan and 500+ at the Tana Bridge 5-7 Feb (MACC, DJP). At Thika 500+ in late Dec (DJP).

E: flock of 50 Lake Magadi 17 Dec was unusual there (DJP, DKR) and 1 Sabaki River mouth 13 Jan (MACC, DJP). In Uganda, 1 Kibimba 16 Jan and 6 there 20 Feb; singles Kajansi 18 Jan, 24 Jan and 5 Feb (MJC). In southern Tanzania, 1 Mbarali Rice Scheme 15 Dec (EMB).

Anas crecca Teal R: singles shot Ol Bolossat 8 and 22 Jan (HPB) and 4 there 30 Jan (DJP, DKR).

Anas penelope Wigeon R: 15 Simini's Dam, Kinangop, 3 Jan (DJP), 2 shot Ol Bolossat 8 Jan (HPB) and 3 there 30 Jan (DJP, DKR).

Anas querquedula Garganey N: counts of 2500 Tana Bridge 5 Feb and 2000-3000 Ahero Rice Scheme 11 Feb (DJP); 1000+ Thika area late Dec (DJP).

D: 3 Lake Magadi 17 Sep were early as well as unusual at this site (DEGB, DJP, DKR).

E: in Tanzania, 1 Usangu Flats 11 Mar, 1 Dodoma 19 Mar and 1 Lake Ngwasi 9 Dec (JSSB).

Anas clypeata Shoveler N: largest counts from Lake Nakuru were 1500+ Nderit 29 Jan and 4000+ north shore late Dec (DJP).

Aythya fuligula Tufted Duck R: 2 Nakuru - Ol Joro Orok road 30 Jan (DEGB, DJP, DKR) and 1 Thika Oxidation Ponds 5 Feb (DJP).

Aquila clanga Greater Spotted Eagle S(B): a juvenile Nairobi NP 26 Feb (MES), and another adult Olorgesailie 17 Dec (DJP). Satisfactory details received. *There are eight previous accepted records, all from Kenya.*

Aquila nipalensis Steppe Eagle N: hundreds present in rainy conditions Mara GR 23-25 Dec were feeding on termites (DKR).

Aquila pomarina Lesser Spotted Eagle R: early in the year, 2 Nakuru 28 Jan, 4+ Ol Bolossat 30 Jan, 1 Samburu 8 Feb, 1 Mara GR 2 Apr and 1 Nairobi NP 9 Apr (DJP, DKR, DAT). Recorded in Kenya from 15 Oct to end of the year (max. 5 together) from Nairobi, Meru NP, Ngulia, Mackinnon Road, Olorgesailie and Mara GR (DF, DJP, DKR, DAT). In Uganda, whence there have been previous autumn records, moving south with flocks of Common Buzzards *Buteo buteo* at Entebbe (3 on 9 Oct), and near Lwampanga (3 on 11 Oct and 2 on 13 Oct) (JSA).

Buteo buteo Common Buzzard D: late birds Ngomeni 23 Apr (MACC, DJP) and Nairobi NP (DJP). First of the autumn Nairobi 2 Oct (DJP).

N: large southwest migration across southern Uganda second week Oct with flocks seen at Lutembe 8 Oct (2500 counted in 55 min plus many more afterwards), and 10 Oct, near Lwampanga 11 Oct (255 counted) and 13 Oct (127), and Budongo Forest 12 Oct (JSA). In southern Tanzania, overwintering in grasslands and pine plantations at Mufindi to early Apr and from 20 Sep with 100+ Jan to Mar and 40+ Oct to Dec (AJB, EMB).

Hieraetus pennatus Booted Eagle R: singles Kapedo 14 Oct and 18 Oct (JHj), Magadi 1 Nov (DAT), Vipingo 26 Nov (DJP, MACC, MW), Mzima Springs 25 Nov (DAT) and Ngulia 2-4 and 9-11 Dec (DJP). A pale bird Dar es Salaam 19 Nov (NEB). In Uganda, a few with *B. buteo* flocks N slope of Mt Elgon 9 Oct, 1 near Nabiswera (Buruli county) 11 Oct, 1 near Lwampanga 11 Oct and 1 Entebbe 17 Oct (JSA, MJC).

Accipiter brevipes Levant Sparrowhawk S(A): an adult male Meru NP 8 Nov (DAT, DF), full and satisfactory details received - to be published in *Scopus*. The first record for Kenya and the second for East Africa.

Pernis apivorus Honey Buzzard R: singles Kito Pass 19 Oct (TS), Ngulia early Nov and 13 Nov (GCB, JHF, DJP) and Nguni, E of Mwingi, 21 Nov (DJP). In Uganda, 1 Nabugabo, near Masaka, 25 Oct (JSA) and in Tanzania, singles Pugu Hills and Irundi (Mufindi) 26 Nov for which satisfactory details were supplied on request (NEB, AJB, EMB).

Falco cherrug Saker Falcon S(B): 1 Bulak, S of Lake Stephanie, 10 Dec (FA). Satisfactory details received.

Falco peregrinus calidus Peregrine Falcon R: 1 Lake Jipe 20 Nov (DAT). At Msambweni, S Kenya coast, 1 probably of this race 6 Mar (MACC).

Falco amurensis Eastern Red-footed Falcon R: in southern Tanzania, up to 4 Mufindi grasslands Jan to Mar and 4 Irundi 6 Feb (AJB, EMB). Up to 50 with roosting Lesser Kestrels *F. naumanni* Nairobi NP 4-30 Apr (MES, ADL, DJP et al.) and 35 in another roost Kajiado 9-10 Apr (CAT, PBT), 6 Isinya 16 Apr (AEB, DJP) and 30 Amboseli 10 Apr (MEJG). In the autumn there were 80+ Bachuma 21 Nov and 10+ Ngulia 26 Nov (DAT, DF), 1 Mackinnon Road 27 Nov (DJP, MACC), 1 Taita Hills 21 Nov, 200+ 24 Nov and scores 25 Nov (DJT).

Falco concolor Sooty Falcon R: singles Nairobi NP 9 Apr and 22 May (DKR). The sole Uganda record was of 1 at Entebbe 14 Apr (JSA). Up to 12 daily Ngulia 6-11 Nov (GCB), 4+ Taita Hills 25 Nov (DJT), 2 Kitui turn-off, Garissa road, 18 Nov (DJP).

This species has been recorded regularly in central and eastern Kenya in recent years from late October to mid November.

Falco eleonora Eleonora's Falcon S(B): 1 pale phase Ferguson's Gulf 21 Oct (TS) and a dark phase Nairobi 6 Oct (DKR). Satisfactory details were received of a pale phase example at Ndembera River (Mufindi, Tanzania) 10 Dec (NEB, MW, AJB, EMB).

Falco naumanni Lesser Kestrel N: hundreds present late Feb to Apr in the grasslands of the Nairobi - Kajiado - Sultan Hamud area; seen regularly at a roost Nairobi NP 5 Mar to 30 Apr with 1000-5000 first three weeks Apr (MES et al.); 2500 in another roost Kajiado 9-10 Apr (CAT, PBT); 200+ Amboseli 10 Apr (MEJG).

D: first autumn record Nairobi area 20 Oct (DJP).

D: recorded Mufindi, southern Tanzania, to 4 Mar and from 10 Dec (AJB, EMB).

E: in Uganda, whence there are rather few records, 10 Kibimba (Busoga) 20 Feb, 1 Kibimba 18 Oct and 2 singles near Kumi (Teso) 11 Nov (JSA, MJC, ABS).

- Porzana porzana* Spotted Crane S(B): 1 Kapsabet 12 Apr (LS).
- Haematopus ostralegus* Oystercatcher R: 1 Malindi 24 Apr and 2 Galu, south Kenya coast, 24 Nov to the end of the year (MACC).
- Charadrius alexandrinus* Kentish Plover S(B): 2 Ferguson's Gulf 20-23 Oct (TS).
This species is probably regular at Lake Turkana.
- Charadrius dubius* Little Ringed Plover R: in Kenya, recorded up to 26 Mar and from 8 Oct, from Ferguson's Gulf, Lake Nakuru, Nairobi, Dandora, Tana Bridge, Garissa, Tsavo East NP, Lamu and Amboseli (max. 9 Lamu 27 Dec) (MES, JSSB, TS, DJP).
This species is a regular visitor in small numbers to the rift valley lakes, Nairobi and the Athi and Tana rivers.
- Charadrius leschenaultii* Great Sandplover N: max. count Dar es Salaam 1000 31 Jan (NEB).
- Charadrius mongolus* Mongolian Sandplover E: INLAND: 1 Lake Nakuru 28 Jan (DJP).
- Pluvialis squatarola* Grey Plover E: INLAND: in Uganda, 1 Lutembe, near Kampala, 12 Mar and 1 Entebbe 24 Jul and 20 Aug (JSA, MJC, ABS). At Lake Jipe 1 on 20 Nov (DAT).
- Numenius arquata* Curlew E, D: the following presumably refer to coastal passage: 1 Manda Island 5 Aug, 1 flying south Diani 4 Jul and 2 on 7 Aug (MACC), and 1 flying south Galu 28 Jul (MACC). At Sababki River mouth 1 26 Nov (MACC, DJP).
E: INLAND: 3 Ferguson's Gulf 20-24 Oct (TS).
- Numenius phaeopus* Whimbrel E: INLAND: in Uganda, singles at Entebbe 19 Mar, 26 Mar, 17 Apr, 23 Jul and 20 Aug, and 3 there 9 Oct and 1 Kibimba Rice Scheme 18 Oct (all JSA).
There were records from Entebbe in most months during the late 1960s, and this is probably a wintering as well as a regular passage site.
- Tringa erythropus* Spotted Redshank R: recorded in Kenya to 30 Apr and from 21 Nov, with records from Lakes Nakuru and Naivasha, Thika, Dandora, Aruba, Tiva River, Lake Jipe and Ahero Rice Scheme. Max. was 3 apart from 165 at Ahero 11 Feb (DJP). In Uganda, 2 Kibimba Rice Scheme 16 Jan and 8 there 20 Feb (JSA), 4 Kakindu 12 Mar (MJC). In Tanzania, 3 Ngorongoro 24 Feb (PCL). The concentration at Ahero was by far the largest counted in East Africa, though scores were seen at this site in 1977 and 1982, and large numbers are probably now regular there. This species seems particularly partial to irrigation, and with the development of more rice schemes, oxidation ponds and other projects involving shallow flooding, it can be expected in East Africa in greater numbers in the future.
- Tringa totanus* Redshank R: the only records received were of singles Lake Naivasha 20 Jan (PF) and at Mida 21 Jun and 26 Nov (MACC, DJP).
- Xenus cinereus* Terek Sandpiper E: INLAND: in Uganda, 1 Kibimba Rice Scheme 18-19 Oct (JSA). In Kenya, 1 Dandora 8 Oct and 10 Nov (DJP) and 1 Lake Nakuru 12 Nov (DKR).
- Actitis hypoleucos* Common Sandpiper D: first return Diani noted 4 Jul (MACC).
- Calidris alba* Sanderling E: INLAND: singles Entebbe 4 Oct and 6 Oct (JSA), 2 Dandora 28-29 Oct (DJP, DEGB, DKR) and 1 Lake Nakuru 20 Dec (PAG).
- Calidris alpina* Dunlin S(A): a bird with the remains of juvenile plumage at Dandora Oxidation Ponds 28-29 Oct (PBT, JHF, DJP, DEGB, DKR) - full details

received.

This is only the third acceptable record for Kenya and the fourth for East Africa.

Calidris temminckii Temminck's Stint E: recorded Lakes Nakuru and Naivasha to 2 May and from 8 Oct, most records of 1-2 birds, but 11 together Njoro River mouth (Nakuru) 22 Dec (DJP). Singles Dandora 15 Oct and 10 Nov (DJP) and on the coast, 1 Sabaki River mouth 13 Jan (DJP, MACC). In Uganda, 2 Lutembe 19 Feb, 2 Kajansi (near Kampala) 19 Feb, 4 there 13 Mar and 2 16 Apr (JSA).

Limicola falcinellus Broad-billed Sandpiper R: at Sabaki River mouth, 1 only 13 Jan but 9 30 Oct (TS) and 60+ 26 Nov (MACC, DJP). INLAND: 1 Lake Magadi 30 Oct (DJP, DEGB, JD).

After several years in which wintering numbers at the Sabaki appeared to be decreasing, the count of November was the highest ever.

Philomachus pugnax Fuff N: 2000 Sergoit dam, Eldoret, 7 Feb of which about one third were males (DJP), 4000-5000 Ahero Rice Scheme 11 Feb (DJP).

Large concentrations appear to be regular at several sites in Kenya west of the rift.

Limosa lapponica Bar-tailed Godwit R: the only records received were of 3 Mida 16 Aug and 3+ there 26 Nov (MACC, DJP), 1 Galu 20 Aug (DJP), 2 Malindi 2 Nov (TS) and 1 Watamu 31 Dec (PAG).

Limosa limosa Black-tailed Godwit R: very few records this year: 15 Ferguson's Gulf 20-24 Oct (TS); 40 Ahero Rice Scheme 11 Feb (DJP). In Tanzania, 1 Serengeti 24 Feb (DAT) and in Uganda, 6 Kibimba Rice Scheme 18 Oct and 21 there 18 Nov (MJC).

Phalaropus lobatus Red-necked Phalarope R: recorded off Shimoni from 27 Nov, with scores throughout Dec (MH, PH). INLAND: 1 Lake Nakuru 10 Nov (DAT).

Arenaria interpres Turnstone E: INLAND: 1-3 Dandora Oxidation Ponds 13 Sep to 8 Oct (DJP), 1 Lake Nakuru 8 Oct (DJP). In Uganda, 2 Entebbe 6 Oct and 1 on 14 Oct, 1 Butiaba 12 Oct (all JSA).

Stercorarius parasiticus Arctic Skua S(A): a dark phase adult Ferguson's Gulf 20 Oct (TS); full details received.

Only the fourth record for Kenya and East Africa.

Stercorarius pomarinus Pomarine Skua S(B): a pale phase adult Ferguson's Gulf 21-24 Oct (TS); full details received.

There are only five or six previous East African records, all from Kenya.

Stercorarius sp. a dark phase bird off Ras Ngomeni 23 Apr was thought to have been *S. parasiticus* (MACC, DJP).

Larus argentatus Herring Gull R: max. count Malindi area 40 on 13 Jan. On the Kenya south coast, 1 Galu 24 Oct (MACC) and 1 flying south Tiwi 5 Nov (DJP). At Ferguson's Gulf, 25 from 20-24 Oct (TS) was the largest number recorded to date from Lake Turkana.

Larus genei Slender-billed Gull S(B): up to at least 3 adults and 3 immatures with exceptionally large flocks of Grey-headed Gulls *L. cirrocephalus* Lake Nakuru during Nov and Dec (ADF-W, DF, DJP, DKR, TS, DAT).

Larus ichthyaetus Great Black-headed Gull S(B): a sub-adult Malindi 5-13 Jan (ALA, MACC, DJP) and an immature and a sub-adult there 31 Dec (PAG).

Larus ridibundus Black-headed Gull N: up to 150 Lake Nakuru Dec (DJP, TS). This species continues to occur regularly in small numbers, mainly at Lakes Nakuru and Turkana, and on the coast.

Gelochelidon nilotica Nilotica Gull-billed Tern N: 600+ counted roosting Lake Nakuru Nov and Dec (DJP).

N, D: 300+ still present Nakuru 1 May (DJP) were mostly in non-breeding plumage.

Sterna caspia Caspian Tern E: 1 Lutembe, Uganda, 12 Mar (JSA, MJC, ABS).

Sterna hirundo Common Tern E: an adult Lutembe 25 Apr and a first year bird Entebbe 13 Jun (JSA).

The first records from Uganda.

D, N: at Galu, south Kenya coast, 20-150 regularly roosting on beach May to Jul (non-breeding plumage) and larger packs, Aug to Nov, with 2000 24 Oct and 2 Nov and 4000 24 Nov; few remaining into Dec. Elsewhere on coast, 100 Ngomeni 18 Jun, but largest numbers Aug to Nov with up to 1500 Tiwi late Aug and 2000 there 5-7 Nov, 1000 off Shimoni 27 Aug and 2000 off Malindi 11 Sep. *This species seems to occur mainly on southward passage, with smaller numbers of northward passage and overwintering birds, and usually Jan - Feb.*

Contrary to the view expressed by Britton 1977 (Scopus 1: 29-34) we find that, during Aug - Nov at least, this is usually the commonest tern on the Kenya coast.

Sterna sandvicensis Sandwich Tern S(B): 1 Malindi 23 Nov (DAT, DF).

Otus scops Scops Owl R: a pale greyish Scops Owl seen with other migrants near Bissel 31 Mar was assumed to have been a Palaearctic bird (DJP, ADL). At Ngulia, 4 seen on the road at night 6 Dec were thought to have been Palaearctic, and a Palaearctic bird was caught there 9 Dec (GCB, AMF-W, DJP).

Streptopelia turtur Turtle Dove S(A): 1-5 first year birds together Entebbe 9 Oct to 6 Nov with at least 7 different birds involved (JSA); also in Uganda, a first year bird Kibimba (Busoga) 8 Nov (JSA). In Kenya, a first year bird Amboseli NP 20 Oct (DJP).

There are only two previous East African records, both from northern Kenya.

Cuculus canorus Eurasian Cuckoo D: Jan records from Tsavo East NP (JSSB). In Tanzania, Arusha Jan (JSSB), and Feb records from 80 km S of Dodoma, Usangu, and Naabi Hill (Serengeti) 21 Feb (PCL).

D, N: moderate passage Kenya coastal forests 10-25 Apr (MACC, DJP).

Cuculus poliocephalus Lesser Cuckoo R: up to 5+ Diani 10-21 Apr (MACC, DJP), an hepatic female Mzima Springs 14 May (DAT) and 1 Sokoke Forest 23 Nov (DAT) were all presumed to have been Palaearctic (nominate) birds.

Caprimulgus europaeus Eurasian Nightjar R: very few records: in the Mufindi area of southern Tanzania, 1 Kilima 13 and 14 Mar (AJB). In Lavington, Nairobi, 1 in Mar (PCF), 2 dead on road between Athi River and Kajiado 23 Nov (DJP, ADL), 1 Diani 18 Nov (MACC), 1 caught Ngulia 5 Dec and 2 caught on 7 Dec (DJP).

Apus apus Eurasian Swift R: scores Mara GR 20 Feb (DJP) and Ngorongoro (Tanzania) 25 Feb (PCL). Passage noted southern Uganda between 15 Aug and 16 Oct with small flocks Bujenje (Bunyoro), Ntoroko (S end of Lake Albert), Entebbe and Bombo (JSA). In Tanzania, flocks seen Mufindi 28 Sep and 4 Oct and a few over the Ulugurus 1-2 Oct (AJB). Many hundreds accompanying a storm Taita Hills 24 Nov (DJT) and a few near Galana Ranch 27 Nov (DJP). *A similarly timed passage in southern Uganda, peaking in September, was recorded during autumn in the late 1960s (DJP). The status and movements of the Eurasian Swift within East Africa are still very much of a mystery. We would welcome any future records of swifts definitely identified as this species.*

- Coracias garrulus* Eurasian Roller N, M: thousands arrived with a heavy storm Taita Hills 24 Nov, and continual large movement next day, including a striking albino bird (DJT).
- E: in Uganda, whence records are sparse away from the western rift, 1 Entebbe 9 Apr, up to 8 there 26 Oct to 5 Nov, 6 on 10 Dec and 2 26 Dec; also 1 Kibimba 19 Oct, 2 Lutembe 6 Nov and 1 Kajansi 11 Nov (all JSA).
- E: in Tanzania, Feb records from Serengeti 23rd and Ngorongoro 25th (PCL).
- Upupa epops epops* Hoopoe R: up to 4 Baringo Jan to Mar and Oct to end of the year (TS), 1 Tsavo East NP mid Jan (JSSB), 1 Mt Kulal 11 Oct and 1 Ngulia 4-6 Nov and 13 Nov (GCB, AMF-W, LF).
- Delichon urbica* House Martin D: a late party of 19 Kayonza (Kigezi, Uganda) 8 May (JSA).
- Cercotrichas galactotes* Rufous Bush Chat E: 6+ Baringo Jan and Feb, 20+ there early to mid May and small numbers again Dec (TS). This now seems to be a regular wintering site.
- N: particularly abundant on passage Garissa area 19-21 Nov when several hundreds encountered (DJP).
- Irania gutturalis* Irania R: Tanzania records from Chipongola 9 Feb, Dodoma 6 and 18 Mar and Arusha 9 Apr (JSSB); also 1 Olduvai 25 Feb (PCL). On northward passage Kenya, 4+ near Tawa (Machakos) with many Sprossers *Luscinia luscinia* 24 Mar (DJP), 3 Kajiado 31 Mar (ADL, DJP), 1 east of Meru 2 Apr, 1 Nyambenis and another, 40 km E of Embu, 4 Apr (DJP). Other records were all of birds on southward passage inland SE Kenya, Nov and Dec.
- Luscinia luscinia* Sprosser N, D: usual southward passage E and central Kenya, with scores Chyulu Hills 13 Nov (JHF, DJP) and hundreds Mwingi - Nguni (Kitui) 21 Nov (DJP). Otherwise 2 singing Bissel 19 Mar (perhaps wintering), scores in misty conditions Tawa (Machakos) and nearby 24 Mar, and common in *Lantana* scrub in the Nyambenis and along the lower Meru - Embu road 4 Apr (DJP) and 1 Kariobangi 13 Apr (DJP).
- Monticola saxatilis* Rock Thrush E: in Uganda, 1 Entebbe 8 Dec (JSA).
- Oenanthe pleschanka* Pied Wheatear E: 1 16 km E of Layantende (Masaka, Uganda) 2 Dec (JSA).
- Phoenicurus phoenicurus* Redstart R: in Kenya, 2-3 Lolgorien 17 Mar (TS).
- Saxicola rubetra* Whinchat E: central Kenya records from Lanet, Baringo, Keekorok and Kajiado Jan to Mar, and from Nairobi - Athi Plains area 20 Oct to 27 Nov (DJP, TS, PCF). In southern Tanzania, 1 Mufindi 7 Feb (AJB, EMB).
- The Whinchat is regular and common in most areas of west Kenya and Uganda.
- Acrocephalus arundinaceus* Great Reed Warbler R: common and singing along the Tana below Garsen 12 Jan (DJP, MACC, JDH). One singing inside Serena Lodge, Amboseli NP, 19-21 Mar (DJP). Up to 4 together Nairobi area 13-25 Apr (DJP).
- Acrocephalus griseldis* Basra Reed Warbler R: 1 28 km E of Serere (Teso, Uganda) 20 Nov (JSA). Present most days Ngulia 4-10 Dec and 24 ringed (DJP, GCB). Numerous (scores) Idsowe area, lower Tana, 12 Jan (DJP, MACC, JDH).
- There are only two previous records from Uganda, both of birds caught at Kampala in the late 1960s (see EANHS Bulletin 1972: 27-29).
- Acrocephalus palustris* Marsh Warbler D, E: as usual central and inland E Kenya Nov to Dec, with first record Nairobi area 4 Nov, and scores Nguni - Mwingi (Kitui) 21 Nov (DJP). Otherwise, 1 Baringo 30 Nov (TS, DJT), the first for this locality. At Bissel, 1 singing same site 13 and 31 Mar was presumably wintering (DJP, ADL). One 20 km E of Machakos 18 Apr (DJP).

- Hippolais icterina* Icterine Warbler R: 1 singing strongly in Acacia grove 40 km NE of Keekorok 21 Feb (DJP). In Tanzania, 1 Shinyanga 16 Apr (JSSB).
- Hippolais olivetorum* Olive-tree Warbler R: 1 10 km SW of Meru NP 4 Apr (DJP). In autumn, 3 caught and ringed Ngulia 5-7 Dec (DJP).
- Locustella fluviatilis* River Warbler R: 3-4 near Bissel 31 Mar (ADL, DJP), 1 found dead Nairobi 19 Apr (DAT) and 1 in song Kariobangi 25 Apr (DJP). Recorded Ngulia from 25 Nov with 132 caught and ringed 4-11 Dec (DAT, DJP, GCB); 5+ at two sites Nguni (Kitui) 15 Dec (DJP).
- Phylloscopus collybita* Chiffchaff R: 1-2 Nakuru - Ol Joro Orok 30 Jan (DJP, DEGB, DKR). Total of about 10 at 3000-3500 m E slopes of Mt Elgon 8 Feb (DJP). In Uganda, 1 Entebbe 2 Apr (JSA).
- Phylloscopus sibilatrix* Wood Warbler S(B): Uganda records from 14 km S of Mbarara 13 Feb (snatches of song), Entebbe 27 Mar and 5 Apr, Serere (Teso) 16 Nov and Magoro (Teso) 19 Nov (all JSA). In Kenya 2 Mara GR 24 Mar (MEJG).
- Sylvia communis* Whitethroat R for these areas: 2 50 km NE of Keekorok 19 Feb (DJP) and 1 Kisumu 26 Dec (PAG).
- Sylvia nisoria* Barred Warbler R: away from well known wintering areas in SE Kenya: common mid Mar Kajiado and Amboseli (DJP), 1 Kedong 9 Apr (AEB, DJP), up to 5 Baringo throughout Mar, then unusual numbers (scores) there Nov, with many remaining to the end of the year (TS). Also 20+ Nginyang 20 Dec and 1 Kapedo 26-31 Dec (DJP, JHj). In Uganda, 1 Lutembe 6 Nov (JSA).
- Ficedula albicollis* Collared Flycatcher R: a first year male of the race *semi-torquata* and at least 1 female Kakamega Forest station 9-11 Feb (DJP). In Uganda, 2 Lutembe 8 Oct (JSA).
- Muscicapa striata* Spotted Flycatcher D: passage at Entebbe 8 Mar to 14 Apr and then from 17 Sep, peak in mid Oct (JSA).
- Anthus cervinus* Red-throated Pipit N: scores Solai 29 Jan (DJP).
E: in Uganda, up to 40 Kibimba Rice Scheme Jan to Feb and again in autumn up to 30 Nov; also records from Entebbe 6 Mar, 1 Apr and from 9 Dec, and Kajansi 12 Nov (JSA, MJC).
E: in northern Tanzania, 1 Ngare Nanyuki (Arusha) 23 Jan (JSSB).
- Motacilla alba* White Wagtail E: 1 Mida 23 Nov (DAT) and 1 Garissa 20 Nov (DJP).
- Motacilla cinerea* Grey Wagtail E: lower altitude records from Shaba GR 29 Sep (DAT), Nairobi (Chiromo) 2 Oct, 12 Oct and 23-26 Dec (DJP), and Tiwi, south Kenya coast, 7 Nov (AEB, DJP).
- Lanius collurio* Red-backed Shrike N, D: autumn migration at Entebbe from 10 Oct with max. count of 29 on 30 Oct (JSA).
- Lanius collurio* × *L. isabellinus* Red-backed/Red-tailed Shrike hybrid R: 1 Galana River, Kalalu Ranch 27 Nov (DJP, MACC, MW).
- Lanius minor* Lesser Grey Shrike D: birds on southward passage Uganda at Entebbe from 9 Oct to 3 Nov (1-3 on 6 days) and 1 on 24 Nov (JSA).
- Lanius nubicus* Nubian Shrike S(A): a first year bird remained at Baringo to 28 Feb (TS et al., see *Scopus* 7: 97-98) and an adult appeared there on 8 Dec and remained to the end of the year (TS et al.).
These are only the second and third records for Kenya and East Africa.
- Lanius senator* Woodchat Shrike R: different individuals Entebbe 1-22 Mar and 10-29 Mar (JSA). Baringo, 1 4-11 Nov, 5 there 23 Nov to mid Dec and 3 to

the end of the year (TS, MR et al.). At Lake Bogoria 2 from 22-29 Dec (TS,MR).
There are very few previous records for Kenya and southern Uganda.

BACK RECORDS

AFROTROPICAL and OCEANIC SPECIES

SULIDAE: Boobies

Sula dactylatra Masked Booby R: 500-800 pairs nesting on Latham Island off Dar es Salaam 16 Sep 1982, with young of all ages (NEB).

FREGATIDAE: Frigatebirds

Fregata ariel Lesser Frigatebird S(A): an adult male off Watamu Jan 1980 (LG) and another adult male off Dar es Salaam 1 May 1982 (NEB) - full and satisfactory details received for both examples.

First record for Kenya and the second for Tanzania.

ACCIPITRIDAE: Birds of Prey

Chelictinia riocourii Swallow-tailed Kite R: several records from the Kapedo area to the north of Baringo during Oct and Dec 1979, Jan 1980, Oct and Dec 1981 and Aug 1982 (JHj).

OTIDIDAE: Bustards

Neotis denhami Denham's Bustard E: 2 Maralal 10 Mar 1982 (BSM).

STRIGIDAE: Owls

Otis leucotis White-faced Scops Owl R: 2 young found out of the nest at Kisii 19 Sep 1982 (Br MM).

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Nightjars

Caprimulgus inornatus Plain Nightjar R: 1 dead on road 40 km N of the Marich Pass 17 Sep 1978 (PS).

Caprimulgus nubicus Nubian Nightjar R: 1 dead on road 5 km N of the Marich Pass 17 Feb 1981 (PS).

Caprimulgus stellatus Star-spotted Nightjar R: records from Lokori, N Kenya during Jul 1968 and Jun 1970, from Colchecchio Oct 1980, and from Kapedo during Sep 1981 and Jan 1982 (ADL, TS, JHj - see *Scopus* 8: 27-28).

Caprimulgus tristigma Freckled Nightjar R: records from Kapedo during Jun and Jul 1981 and May 1982 (JHj).

Macrodipteryx longipennis Standard-winged Nightjar R: 1 between Nginyang and Kapedo during Aug 1981 (JHj).

Macrodipteryx vexillarius Pennant-winged Nightjar R: 1 at Mukutani, E of Baringo during Aug 1981 (JHj).

COLIIDAE: Mousebirds

Colius leucocephalus White-headed Mousebird R: records from Garissa area in Dec 1974, Jan, Nov and Dec 1975 and Dec 1976 (see *Scopus* : 27-28).

MEROPIDAE: Bee-eaters

Merops nubicus Carmine Bee-eater E: 2 Kapedo 30 Nov 1979 (JHj).

TURDIDAE: Thrushes

Cossypha natalensis Red-capped Robin Chat E: juveniles netted at Mufindi, southern Tanzania, 11 and 14 Nov 1982 were the first records for the area (EMB, AJB).

SYLVIIDAE: Warblers

Camaroptera stierlingi Barred Wren Warbler E: 1 Manyoni, Tanzania, 14 Apr 1982 (JSSB).

Phyllolais pulchella Buff-bellied Warbler E: 1 Usangu Flats, southern Tanzania during Apr 1981 (JSSB).

NECTARINIIDAE: Sunbirds

Anthreptes platurus Pygmy Sunbird S(B): a male and 2 females near Kapedo 16 Nov 1979 (JHj).

PLOCEIDAE: Weavers etc.

Vidua obtusa Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah R: present at Ilonga, near Kilosa, Tanzania early May 1982 (EJM).

ESTRIDIDAE: Waxbills

Pyrenestes minor Lesser Seed-cracker S(B): an immature netted at Mufindi, southern Tanzania 14 Oct 1982 (AJB, EMB).

Pytilia afra Orange-winged Pytilia R: present at Ilonga, near Kilosa, Tanzania 29 Apr to 15 May 1982 (PJM).

PALAEARCTIC SPECIES

List A: supplied by D. Schmidl - mostly from Serengeti NP Tanzania and Nakuru NP Kenya. Included are a number of previously unpublished records which pre-date our reports (which began in *Scopus* 1: 116-131), but which seem to be of sufficient interest to merit publication. Unless indicated otherwise, D. Schmidl was the observer.

Ciconia nigra Black Stork R: 1 Serengeti 9 Nov 1970 (KC-L) and 1 Mar 1977. Single birds Nakuru 14 Feb 1976, 16 Oct 1976, 2 Dec 1976, 13 Mar 1977 and 19 Mar 1977.

Anas crecca Teal R: 1 Nakuru 20 Jan 1975.

Anas penelope Wigeon R: 1 Nakuru 7 Jan 1973 and another 2 Dec 1976. At Lake Jipe 10 on 20 Jan 1976 (+PCL).

Aythya fuligula Tufted Duck R: 1 Nakuru 16 Dec 1976.

Buteo rufinus Long-legged Buzzard R: 1 wintering Nakuru 24 Oct 1976 to 16 Feb 1977. Details supplied.

Pernis apivorus Honey Buzzard R: 2 flying north Nakuru 1 May 1977.

Falco peregrinus calidus Peregrine Falcon R: seen Serengeti 27 Nov 1974 and 18 Feb 1975. A male and another pair wintering Nakuru between 28 Oct 1976 and Mar 1977.

Charadrius leschenaultii Great Sandplover E: INLAND: 1 Nakuru 28 Nov 1976.

Charadrius mongolus Mongolian Sandplover E: INLAND: 1 Lake Masek, Serengeti, 18 Sep 1968 (DAT). At Nakuru, 1 7 Aug 1977.

Pluvialis squatarola Grey Plover E: INLAND: singles Nakuru 20 Oct to 8 Nov 1976, 28 Nov 1976, 2 Dec 1976 and 28 Aug 1977.

Calidris alba Sanderling E: INLAND: 1 Lake Lagarja, Serengeti 2 Mar 1966 (KC-L). At Nakuru, 1 4-8 Nov 1976 and 2 28 Nov 1976.

Arenaria interpres Turnstone E: INLAND: 2 Lake Lagarja, Serengeti 14 Sep 1961 (KC-L). Singles Nakuru 12 Sep 1976, 1 Nov 1976 and 18 Aug 1977.

- Limosa limosa* Black-tailed Godwit R: 1 Nakuru 28 Jun 1977 and 2 there 4-5 Sep 1977.
- Numenius arquata* Curlew R: in Serengeti, 1 near Ndutu 18 Feb 1975 and 1 Lake Kasliya 2 Apr 1972 (LM). Singles Nakuru 27 Aug 1976 and 21 Apr 1977.
- Numenius phaeopus* Whimbrel R INLAND: singles Nakuru 22 Sep 1976, 4 Nov 1976 and 7 Aug 1977.
- Tringa erythropus* Spotted Redshank R: several 1975-77 records of single birds Nakuru and Lake Naivasha dated 20 Jan to 1 Apr. In Serengeti, 4 on 18 Feb 1963 (KC-L), singles 8 Sep 1970, 7 Dec 1971 (DAT), 6 Jan 1973 and 16 Jan 1973 (KC-L), 28-31 Jan 1974 (DAT), 1 Jan 1975, 12 Jan 1975, 16 Jan 1975 and 29 Nov 1978.
- Tringa totanus* Redshank R: singles Serengeti 7 Jan 1972 and 11 Jan 1975 (KC-L).
- Xenus cinereus* Terek Sandpiper R INLAND: 1 Nakuru 16 Oct 1976, 2 28 Oct 1976, 5 4 Nov 1976, 3 11 Nov 1976 and 2 15 Nov 1976.
- Phoenicurus phoenicurus* Redstart R: 1 Nakuru 4 Mar 1975.
- Saxicola rubetra* Whinchat R KENYA: occurred regularly Nakuru from 1975 to 1977 with records from Nov to 6 Apr.
- List B: other back records.
- Ciconia nigra* Black Stork R: singles Saguta River, Kapedo 16-17 Nov 1979 and 8 Dec 1979; singles there 9 Oct 1981, 18 Nov 1981 and 3 26 Dec 1981; then singles 31 Jan and 7 Mar 1982 (all JHj).
- Anas crecca* Teal R: 11 shot Ol Bolossat Nov and Dec 1981 and 8 in Jan 1982. No less than 85 shot Lake Solai Nov 1981 to Jan 1982 (HPB).
- Anas penelope* Wigeon R: 17 shot Ol Bolossat Nov and Dec 1980, 6 in Jan and Feb 1981, 1 28 Nov 1981 and 15 in Jan and Feb 1982; 2 shot Lake Solai 26 Dec 1981 and 1 23 Jan 1982 (all HPB).
- Aquila heliaca* Imperial Eagle S(B): an immature Aitong 22 Nov 1982 (DEW) and another Mt Suswa 25 Nov 1982 (DEW). Full details of both supplied.
- Charadrius dubius* Little Ringed Plover R: 1 40 km N of Kapedo (Saguta River) 17 Nov 1979, 5 Kapedo 26 Dec 1981 and 1 there 7 Mar 1982 (all KHj).
- Gallinago stenura* Pintail Snipe S(A): 2 Bamburu, Mombasa, 22-31 Oct 1981, at least 1 remaining in the area to 31 Dec (PBT et al.). At Lake Naivasha, 1 24 Jan 1982 (DJP, see *Scopus* 8: 45-46).
- Calidris temminckii* Temminck's Stint R: 2 Kapedo 17 Nov 1979 and 2 26 Dec 1981 (JHj).
- Limosa lapponica* Bar-tailed Godwit R: 2-3 Tiwi Beach 17 Mar 1982.
- Phoenicurus phoenicurus* Redstart R: 1 Lokichoggio 6 Mar 1980 (JHj).
- Saxicola rubetra* Whinchat R KENYA: 1 Kapedo 11 Mar 1982 (JHj).
- Sylvia nisoria* Barred Warbler R: 1-2 Kapedo 27 Dec 1981 and 28 Feb to 18 Mar 1982 (JHj).

'REQUESTED' AND 'SPECIAL ATTENTION' SPECIES

Guidance on what records to submit for the East African Bird Reports is given in the *Scopus* Supplement of June 1982, copies of which still may be obtained free of charge from D.A. Turner, Box 48019 Nairobi. The response from observers to the present report is most encouraging and shows that the Supplement is doing its job, so that the annual reports, coupled with *Birds of East Africa* and the forthcoming *Bird atlas for Kenya*, will serve as a full record of the status of the East African avifauna during the 1980s and, hopefully, beyond.

For 1984 and 1985 we intend to make a special effort to obtain the fullest information on a number of species, mostly already in the Requested (R) category, and we urge observers to record and send in all such records during the next two years. A list of these birds follows but does not, of course, supplant the full list of 'R' species.

Dendrocygna bicolor Fulvous Whistling Duck
Dendrocygna viduata White-faced Whistling Duck
Circus macrourus Pallid Harrier
Circus pygarrus Montagu's Harrier
Butastur rufipennis Grasshopper Buzzard
Chelictinia riocourii Swallow-tailed Kite
Neotis denhami Denham's Bustard
Charadrius asiaticus Caspian Plover
Clamator glandarius Great Spotted Cuckoo
Clamator jacobinus Black and White Cuckoo
Clamator leuallantii Leuallant's Cuckoo
Cuculus canorus Eurasian Cuckoo
Cuculus clamosus Black Cuckoo
Cuculus gularis African Cuckoo
Caprimulgus spp. } nightjars, records of all species as well
Macrodipteryx spp. } as special attention to road-kills
Coracias caudata lorti lilac-throated race of the Lilac-breasted
 Roller
Pitta angolensis African Pitta
Mirafra cantillans Singing Bush Lark
Oenanthe pileata Capped Wheatear
Saxicola rubetra Whinchat - from all areas of East Africa
Tmetothylacus tenellus Golden Pipit

Records of these species should be sent in in the normal way to the recorders early in 1985 and early in 1986.

RARE BIRDS

Records of birds new for any of the three East African countries Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, and 'S(A)' species (those recorded in East Africa five or fewer times) should be sent in to one or other of the recorders, with full details, including photographs if available, and the name(s) of any other observer(s) present at the time, as soon after the observation was made for circulation amongst the members of the East African Rarities Committee.

It would be much appreciated if details could be sent in duplicate. Photocopies of original field notebook descriptions and sketches will be most useful for straight sight records.

'FIRST' AND 'LAST' DATES FOR SOME PALAEARCTIC MIGRANT LANDBIRDS

Species	central/eastern Kenya except where marked*		Uganda
	Last	First	First
<i>Merops persicus</i>	22 Apr Amboseli	5 Nov Tiwi	10 Sep
<i>M. apiaster</i>	10 Apr Kedong	28 Apr Nairobi	10 Sep
<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	25 Oct Tsavo	15 Oct Dandora	26 Oct
<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	23 Apr Ngomeni	18 Oct Marula	-
<i>Delichon urbica</i>	2 Apr Timau	1 Oct Naivasha	-
<i>Riparia riparia</i>	-	22 Sep Dandora	23 Sep
<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	2 May Naivasha	10 Oct Diani	13 Oct
<i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>	-	5 Nov Ngulia	-
<i>Irania gutturalis</i>	4 Apr Embu	-	-
<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	13 Apr Kariobangi	28 Oct Kariobangi	-
<i>L. megarhynchos</i>	31 Mar Bissel	-	-
<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	23 Apr Ngomeni	2 Nov Magadi	-
<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	21 Apr Emali	16 Sep Ngongs	8 Oct
<i>O. isabellina</i>	25 Apr Mara*	26 Sep Mara*	18 Oct
<i>O. pleschanka</i>	-	23 Oct Kajiado	-
<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	25 Apr Kariobangi	-	-
<i>A. griseldis</i>	-	(4 Dec) Ngulia	-
<i>A. palustris</i>	18 Apr Machakos	4 Nov Kariobangi	-
<i>A. schoenobaenus</i>	11 May Kariobangi	-	26 Nov
<i>A. scirpaceus</i>	4 May Kariobangi	4 Nov Kariobangi	25 Nov
<i>Hippolais languida</i>	3 Apr Meru NP	19 Nov Garissa	-
<i>H. pallida</i>	18 Apr Machakos	22 Oct Amboseli	-
<i>Locustella fluviatilis</i>	25 Apr Kariobangi	25 Nov Ngulia	-
<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	8 May Naivasha	14 Sep Nairobi	10 Sep
<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	24 Mar Nairobi	15 Oct Nairobi	-
<i>S. borin</i>	25 Apr Kariobangi	24 Oct Kariobangi	3 Oct
<i>S. communis</i>	27 Apr Kariobangi	29 Oct Kariobangi	-
<i>S. nisoria</i>	14 Apr Lukenya	9 Nov Baringo	-
<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	18 Apr Machakos	9 Oct Nairobi	17 Sep
<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	17 Apr Kariobangi	24 Oct Kariobangi	-
<i>A. trivialis</i>	16 Apr Kajiado	6 Oct Langata	6 Oct
<i>Motacilla flava</i>	2 May Nakuru	31 Aug Kariobangi	24 Sep
<i>Lanius collurio</i>	23 Apr Tsavo and Ngomeni	8 Nov Nairobi	10 Oct
<i>L. isabellinus</i>	16 Apr Kajiado	11 Nov Ngulia	11 Nov
<i>L. minor</i>	1 May Bogoria	-	9 Oct

All Uganda records supplied by J.S. Ash. The earlier arrival of *Phylloscopus trochilus*, *Sylvia borin*, *Muscicapa striata* and *Lanius collurio* in Uganda than in central Kenya accords with previous experience there (see, e.g. Pearson 1972). The wintering and migration of Palaearctic passerines at Kampala, southern Uganda, *Ibis* 114: 43-60).

English names of birds listed above but not mentioned in the Species Report: *Merops persicus* Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, *M. apiaster* Eurasian Bee-eater, *Riparia riparia* Sand Martin, *Oriolus oriolus* Golden Oriole, *Luscinia megarhynchos* Nightingale, *Oenanthe oenanthe* Northern Wheatear, *O. isabellina* Isabelline Wheatear, *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* Sedge Warbler, *A. scirpaceus* Reed Warbler, *Hippolais languida* Upcher's Warbler, *H. pallida* Olivaceous Warbler, *Phylloscopus trochilus* Willow Warbler, *Sylvia atricapilla* Blackcap, *S. borin* Garden

Warbler, *Anthus trivialis* Tree Pipit, and *Motacilla flava* Yellow Wagtail.

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